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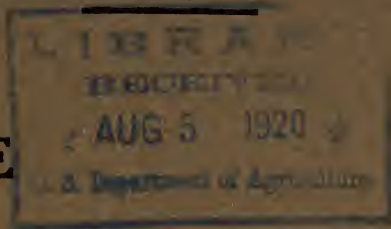
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OF

Strawberry and Vegetable Plants



DAVID RODWAY  
HARTLY DELAWARE



## FRIENDS AND PATRONS OF 1917

Another year is with us. In mailing you my catalogue I extend to you a hearty and cordial greeting, and express my appreciation for the liberal patronage of the past seasons. The demand for my plants keeps increasing to such an extent that I am compelled to add to my acreage every year. There will be a scarcity of plants in some sections this spring on account of the drought of the last summer. I have a splendid supply. You will notice I have several new varieties listed this time and think they are good. You all know it costs more to grow plants now than it did several years ago, on account of the high wages the farmers have to pay. The price on choice berries has been good for several years now, and the prospect is the same for the coming year. For this reason I should advise anyone wishing plants to order as soon as they receive this catalogue. I am also growing vegetable plants and shall try to have enough to supply my trade.

I again thank you for your patronage and hope to be further favored in the future.

Wishing your all a very prosperous year, I remain

Faithfully yours,

DAVID RODWAY.

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## STRAWBERRY PLANTS

**McALPINE.** This new berry was originated in New Jersey not far from Newark. Visitors declare it produces one of the finest crops of berries they have ever seen. I sold out all of the plants I had the spring of 1916, and only saw it fruit on some few plants that were left in the patch. They were surely fine, however. The berries are a beautiful scarlet color and very large and fine in quality. The plants are healthy and make a great bed of plants, so should not be set too close together. The commission merchants of New York have advised the growers to plant heavily of them. That is a very good sign that the variety is all right. I set heavily last spring of it and have a fine lot of plants. It has sold as high as 20 and 25 cents a quart in the New York market. I should advise all growers to give it a trial.

**LADY CORNELLIE.** This is a new early variety that I set last spring and shall set heavily again this spring. From what I have heard it is a great berry. It is a strong grower and makes plenty of stocky plants with large dark green leaves and perfect blossoms. The fruit which ripens with the earliest varieties is large, conical shape, and a rich dark red. It is adapted to all soils. The fruit is of the best, of a large size, and sells for a fancy price. I should advise all to try this one; they will be set largely this spring from what I can hear.

**JOE JOHNSON.** This new berry originated in the southern part of Maryland about four or five years ago, and has been well tested. It ripens about the same time as **Big Joe**. It is very productive and yields large berries of a beautiful red, with large green caps. Its flavor is one of the best making it a favorite table and canning berry. It is also one of the best shippers; it has a perfect blossom and is a strong fertilizer.

**REWASTICO.** This berry will take the place of the Chesapeake. It makes a nice bed of plants. The leaves are large, highly colored, red clear through, and excellent for a late market berry. The plants, perfect in shape, have a dark green foliage and are very productive. Anyone failing to get some of these plants will miss a good variety. This is the only competitor the Chesapeake ever had.

**FENDALL.** This berry was originated by Charles E. Fendall of Baltimore County, Maryland. The plant is strong, vigorous, and healthy, with beautiful light green foliage. It is easily told from other varieties and has not shown any sign of rust at all. The berries are large and of a good flavor. They are rich in color, smooth and glossy, with long stems. The variety is a good plant maker and wonderfully productive, the berries growing in bunches. I have never been able to grow enough plants of this variety to supply my trade. I have been told it produced in 1906 at the rate of 16000 quarts per acre.

**BIG JOE.** I am not ready to take back anything I said about this variety last spring. I sold out of plants and had only a few left scattering to fruit. It has been planted largely in the southern part of this State and Maryland. This berry has sprung up quickly. I have seen it on the Philadelphia market as nice as anyone ever saw berries packed. Commission men ask for the variety. The fruit is large and fits in quart boxes in rows. The plants are large and make a nice row. If you plant **Big Joe** I believe you will never regret it. People who have set it for the last several seasons are getting returns for it now. I shall set heavily again.

**SON'S PROLIFIC.** This variety is a seedling of the **Buback**, fertilized with the **aroma**. I have fruited this variety several seasons and find it one of the best. It is very productive. The plants are good growers in every way, and it is a good shipper. The fruit stems are large and stand upright; all the blossoms mature a perfect berry; the plants are heavy rooted; the fruit is of a dark, glossy red. It is a mid season variety.

**MASCOT.** These berries are large, glossy red, of a good quality and productive. The plants are large and make plenty to the row. Season same as for **Gandy**. Twenty-seven berries have filled a quart basket. The variety does well on land where the **Gandy** will not grow. This is a good selection.

**HAVERLAND.** This is one of the most productive varieties in cultivation,—medium season, size medium to large, bright red, rather long and pointed, very tempting in appearance, and very handy. This is one of the oldest and best varieties we had a few years ago. It makes plenty of plants for a good row. There is always a big demand for these plants which in itself is a good sign.

**FIRST QUALITY.** This variety I have fruited for several years, and it always comes up to the originator's claims. The plants are large, strong, upright growers, with dark green foliage. They produce as many berries as most varieties. The fruit is large, uniform in shape, colored well, and a good shipper. The plants look well growing and I shall keep planting them.

**TOWNSEND'S LATE..** This is a new variety I set last spring. I have only a limited number of plants and my rule is first come first served. There is a big demand for the variety. The plants are large and tall, with healthy, dark green foliage, and make a good bed. The blossoms are perfect. The fruit ripens a few days earlier than the **Gandy** and it is claimed to produce twice as many quarts to the acre. The berries sell for fancy prices. They are large, firm, dark red to the center, and of a delicious flavor.

**CRIMSON CLUSTER.** This is supposed to be a seedling of the **Gandy**. The plants are very much alike and are hard to distinguish when growing. The **Crimson Cluster** is a better grower, however, with tall, broad foliage, without a sign of disease. It does well on most all soils. I have fruited it for fifteen years and feel sure it produces more fruit than the **Gandy**. The berries are a beautiful glossy crimson, with a large green cap. A good shipper, it continues long in bearing, and is hard to beat.

**GANDY.** Most all growers know something of this old and good variety. There is always a big demand for plants; it is one

of the most standard varieties we have. It must be planted on low, black swamp land, however, to get the best results. The fruit is large and of a dark crimson color; the foliage is large and makes plenty of runners for a good row.

**STEVEN'S LATE CHAMPION.** In plant growth this variety looks very much like the **Gandy**, except that it is heavier and a better plant maker. Healthy and long-rooted, it is three times as productive as the **Gandy**. The fruit is large, dark red in color, uniform in size, very high in quality, and exceedingly firm. It is fully as late as the **Gandy** and is a money maker.

**SENATOR DUNLAP.** The plants are strong and healthy growers with bright green, upright foliage; the berries are large, of handsome dark red color, uniform in size and shape. It is one of the oldest and most reliable varieties—a good seller and a great plant maker. They must not be set too close.

**HELEN DAVIS.** This is an early to late variety, which yields enormous crops of large berries. The fruit is firm, the foliage tall and green, with plenty of vines to make a nice row. It is a good variety if one wishes to try out a few of them.

**FAIRFIELD.** This is an extra early variety. Larger than the **Excelsior** it has far better qualities. It is as good as there is of early varieties. I have been growing it for fourteen years and it is as good now as it was when I started to grow it. The fruit is large; it is a good plant maker.

**CHIPMAN.** This is one of the most popular commercial varieties. The plants are strong growers, large, healthy, with broad green foliage that has never shown any sign of rust. The fruit is large and commences to ripen from early to mid season.

**KLONDYKE.** This is another of the early varieties which is getting to be more popular every year. It is planted largely with us around this section. Some will not grow any other kind for an early variety. It is firm, of a good size; a good shipper and a good plant maker. You cannot make a mistake in setting this variety. There will be a big demand for these plants and I advise you to place your order early.



**PAUL JONES.** This is supposed to be a seedling of the **Haverland** and **Brandywine**. It has done well on most all soils. It is very productive, yielding berries of a bright, glossy color, which look as though they were varnished. You can tell the rows from a distance. A good shipper, it is as productive as the **Haverland**. Season, medium late.

**HERITAGE.** This variety originated in New Jersey and is very popular with large growers. The fruit is very large, with tall, healthy foilage. The plant succeeds on most soils, but does not make so many plants as most varieties. Season, medium early. Yield good.

**UNCLE JIM.** The plants of this variety are about the largest and most vigorous I have ever grown. They are healthy and mature most all of their fruit which is very large, firm, deep-red, and of the best flavor.

**SAMPLE.** The plants are large size and yield large quantities of berries of excellent quality. The fruit retains its size until the end of the season. The fruit is of a bright color, very firm, and of a rich flavor. A good shipper.

**GLEN MARY.** This is a mid-season berry which seems not to do very well for us. It does well in some sections, however, and there is a demand for plants. The fruit is large and very firm. It is a good old reliable variety.

**VIRGINIA.** This is an early variety, reported to produce 12000 quarts to an acre. The plants are fine growers with a dark, glossy green foliage. It comes on a few days after the **Fairfield**. The fruit is large, uniform in shape, and excellent for shipping.

**PRIDE OF DELAWARE.** I have fruited this berry now for several years and it is surely pushing itself to the front. The fruit is large and round, one very seldom finding a misshapen berry. The plants are extra large and heavy bearers. It is one of the deepest rooters I have ever grown. The variety does well in dry section. The foliage is tall and upright; the leaves are dark green. I have a nice lot of plants of this variety for the spring. It is a late variety.

**PROGRESSIVE EVER BEARER.** I think this is the best of all the ever-bearers that I have handled or seen fruit. The plants are of a good size, deep-rooted, and making as many plants as most of the standard varieties. The fruit is of medium size, dark red, and of a good quality. The young plants begin to bear in about four weeks from setting but to obtain good plant beds the blossoms should be kept cut till about the middle of July and then they will bear fruit till the ground is frozen. The plants look very much like the **Senator Dunlap**.

# VEGETABLE PLANTS

## CABBAGE PLANTS

I have a fine lot of winter grown cabbage plants with which I can supply you at any time after receiving this catalogue. They will mature several weeks earlier than spring grown plants: Early Jersey Wakefield, Winningstad, Early Succession, Sure Head, at \$.30 per 100 or 500 for \$1.25; \$2.00 per 1000. Spring grown will be \$.20 per 100, ready April 15th.

LATER VARIETIES: Late Flat Dutch, Drumhead, Danish Ball Head, All Head, \$.15 per 100; \$1.00 per 1000. Plants ready June first.

## CAULIFLOWER PLANTS

Early Snowball, \$.50 per 100; ready May 20th.

Autumn Grant, \$.50 per 100; ready June 1st.

## EGG PLANTS

Black Beauty and New York Purple, \$.50 per 100; ready May 10th.

## PEPPER PLANTS

Ruby King, Chinese Grant, Red Cayenne, Golden Yellow, \$.50 per 100; ready May 10th.

## EARLY TOMATO PLANTS

Spark's Earliana, Early Jewell, John Barr, at \$.50 per 100; ready May 10th.

## LATE TOMATO PLANTS

Greater Baltimore and Stone, \$.20 per 100; \$1.00 per 1000; ready June 1st.

### BEET PLANTS

Early Blood, and Crosby Egyptian, \$.20 per 100; ready May 10th.

### LETTUCE PLANTS

Big Boston, \$.20 per 100; ready May 10th.

### SWEET POTATO PLANTS

Big Stem Jersey and Red Jersey, \$.35 per 100; \$1.50 per 1000, ready May 10th.

### CELERY PLANTS

Golden Self-Bleaching, Winter Queen, Grant Paschall, \$.20 per 100, \$1.50 per 1000; ready June 20th.

On all plants ordered shipped by mail kindly add \$.10 per 100 to pay postage.

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### Number of Plants Required to Set an Acre of Ground at a Given Distance.

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24 in. rows, set 12 in. apart	21,780	42 in. rows, set 18 in. apart	8,297
30 " " 12 "	17,424	48 " " 18 "	7,260
36 " " 12 "	14,520	48 " " 18 "	7,260
42 " " 12 "	12,446	24 " " 24 "	10,890
48 " " 12 "	10,890	30 " " 24 "	8,712
24 " " 15 "	17,424	36 " " 24 "	7,260
30 " " 15 "	13,939	42 " " 24 "	6,223
36 " " 15 "	11,616	48 " " 24 "	5,445
42 " " 15 "	9,953	24 " " 30 "	8,712
48 " " 15 "	8,712	30 " " 30 "	6,969
24 " " 18 "	14,520	42 " " 30 "	4,976
30 " " 18 "	11,616	48 " " 30 "	4,356
36 " " 18 "	9,680	36 " " 30 "	5,308

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## TESTIMONIALS

New York, 1916

Mr. D. Rodway,

My dear Sir: Plants arrived in very good condition on May 1st. All set now.

Yours truly,

F. N. Cuist.

New Jersey, 1916

Mr. D. Rodway,

Dear Sir: Received the plants in excellent condition and on time. Thanks for same.

Yours truly,

M. I. Holcombe.

Pennsylvania, April 15, 1916

Mr. D. Rodway,

Dear Sir: Received the plants all right. They are in good shape and I am well pleased.

Yours truly,

Frank Fox.

Maryland, April 16, 1916

Mr. D. Rodway,

Dear Sir: The plants were received in good shape and are very nice plants.

Yours truly,

M. M. Luzader.

Maryland, March 25, 1916

Mr. D. Rodway,

Dear Sir: Received the S. B. plants and were in fine condition and are as nice a plants as I ever saw.

Yours truly,

J. Gordon Selby.

Maryland, April 4, 1916

Mr. D. Rodway,

Dear: Plants came to hand in good shape. Thanks for same.

Yours truly,

J. Spencer Lapham.

Connecticut, May 3, 1916

Mr. D. Rodway,

Dear Sir: The S. B. plants arrived in good condition.

Yours truly,

Mrs. Elizabeth Lanz.

# Price List for the Spring of 1917

By Express; Purchaser to Pay all Express Charges

Varieties	Per	50	100	250	500	750	1000	5000
Big Joe, <i>Per.</i> .....	30c	50c	\$1.00	\$1.75	\$2.00	\$2.50	\$11.50	
Chipman, <i>Per.</i> .....	20	40	.75	1.25	1.75	2.25		
Crimson Cluster, <i>Per.</i> .....	20	40	.75	1.45	1.80	2.25		10.50
Fairfield, <i>Per.</i> .....	20	40	.75	1.25	1.75	2.25		10.50
First Quality, <i>Per.</i> .....	20	40	.75	1.45	1.90	2.25		10.50
Findall, <i>Imp.</i> .....	20	40	.75	1.45	1.90	2.25		10.50
Gandy, <i>Per.</i> .....	20	40	.75	1.40	1.90	2.25		10.50
Glen Mary, <i>Per.</i> .....	20	40	.75	1.40	1.90	2.25		10.50
Heritage, <i>Per.</i> .....	20	40	.75	1.45	1.90	2.25		
Haverland, <i>Imp.</i> .....	20	40	.75	1.45	1.90	2.25		10.50
Helen Davis, <i>Per.</i> .....	20	40	.75	1.45	1.90	2.25		
Joe Johnson, <i>Per.</i> .....	20	40	.75	1.45	1.90	2.40		11.50
Klondyke, <i>Per.</i> .....	20	40	.75	1.45	1.90	2.25		10.50
Lady Cornellie, <i>Per.</i> .....	20	40	.75	1.45	2.00	2.40		
McAlpine, <i>Per.</i> .....	20	40	.75	1.45	1.90	2.20		10.00
Mascot, <i>Per.</i> .....	20	40	.75	1.45	1.90	2.25		
Pride of Delaware, <i>Per.</i> .....	20	40	.75	1.45	1.90	2.25		
Paul Jones, <i>Imp.</i> .....	20	40	.75	1.45	1.90	2.25		
Rewastico, <i>Per.</i> .....	25	45	.80	1.50	1.90	2.40		
Son's Prolific, <i>Per.</i> .....	20	40	.75	1.45	1.90	2.25		
Sample, <i>Imp.</i> .....	20	40	.75	1.45				
Success, <i>Per.</i> .....	20	40	.75	1.45				
Senator Dunlap, <i>Per.</i> .....	20	40	.75	1.45	1.90	2.25		
Steven's Late Champion, <i>Per.</i> .....	20	40	.75	1.45	1.90	2.25		10.50
Townsend's Late, <i>Per.</i> .....	20	40	.75	1.45	2.00	2.40		
Uncle Jim, <i>Per.</i> .....	20	40	.75	1.45	1.90	2.25		
Virginia, <i>Imp.</i> .....	20	40	.75	1.45	1.90	2.25		10.50
Progressive Ever Bearing .....	50	100	2.50	5.00	7.00			

Varieties marked (Imp) have Imperfect Blossoms and should be Planted close to some variety marked (Per) as have Perfect Blossoms to get good results, say every fourth row. If Plants are to go by mail add 20 cents Per 100 to Price list.

Mail, Express or Freight

Date of Order.....1917

Please write in this space and say whether to substitute or not:

PLEASE WRITE BELOW

**The names and addresses of those you know who buy nursery stock**

[illegible]

## IMPORTANT TO MY CUSTOMERS

**In Ordering,** be sure to write your name and address plainly, give postoffice, county and state, and do this every time you write; be sure to say how many plants are to be shipped, by mail or express, and always use my order sheet and envelope.

**By Express.** We can ship safely by express all over the United States and Canada with good results and have a discount rate of 20% on all plants that are shipped by express; we pack as light as possible and use plenty of fresh moss; we only have the Adams Express Company.

**Terms Cash.** Payments must be made in advance, but orders will be booked and kept a reasonable time and shipped on remittance.

**Please Remit** by Postoffice Money Order on Hartly postoffice or registered letter.

**Guarantee** the safe arrival of all plants that go by mail or express.

**I take the Greatest Care** to have all plants true to name, and I will not be liable for any amount greater than was paid me for the plants.

**All Claims** must be made inside of 10 days or will not be entertained.

**Season.** Our shipping season commences as soon as the weather permits. I try to start about the 1st of March and continue till the 15th or 20th of May, but would advise all to order as soon as possible after receiving my catalogue.

**Claims for Errors** must be made on receipt of plants, when they will be carefully examined, and if found just, made satisfactory. I will answer any telegram or telephone message sent me at Hartly.

**References:** First National Bank, Dover, Del; Adams Express Company Agent, Hartly, Del.



# NURSERY INSPECTION CERTIFICATE

## STATE OF DELAWARE STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE

Dover, Delaware, September 7, 1915.

To Whom it May Concern: This certifies that I have this day examined the nursery stock and premises of the nurseries of David Rodway, at Hartley, Kent County, Delaware, and that said nursery stock is apparently free from crown gall, peach yellows, peach rosette, the San Jose Scale, and all other plant diseases and insects of a seriously dangerous nature. This certificate may be revoked for cause by the State Board of Agriculture and it is invalid after August 31, 1917 and does not include nursery stock not grown on the above named premises, unless such stock is covered by a certificate of a state or government officer and accepted by the State Board of Agriculture.

WESLEY WEBB, Inspector.

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Collection A (Early varieties): 12 Lady Cornellie, 12 Klondyke, 12 Fairfield, 12 Virginia, 12 Chipman; by mail Post Paid for \$1.00.

Collection B (Mid Season): 12 Haverland, 12 Big Joe, 12 McAlpine, 12 Joe Johnson, 12 First Quality; by mail Post Paid for \$1.00.

Collection C (Late varieties): 12 Gandy, 12 Crimson Cluster, 12 Mascot, 12 Steven's Late Champion, 12 Townsend's Late; by mail Post Paid for \$1.00.

Collection D (Early varieties): 100 Lady Cornellie, 100 Klondyke, 100 Fairfield, 100 Virginia, 100 Chipman; by mail Post Paid for \$2.00.

Collection E (Mid Season): 100 Paul Jones, 100 Haverland, 100 Big Joe, 100 McAlpine, 100 First Quality; by mail Post Paid for \$2.00.

Collection F (Late varieties): 100 Gandy, 100 Crimson Cluster, 100 Mascot, 100 Steven's Late Champion, 100 Townsend's Late; by mail Post Paid for \$2.00.

Collection G: 500 Klondyke, 500 Son's Prolific, 500 Big Joe, 500 Gandy, 500 Townsend's Late; by Express, not paid, for \$5.00.

Collection H: 1000 Klondyke, 1000 Son's Prolific, 1000 Big Joe, 1000 McAlpine, 1000 Crimson Cluster; by Express, not paid, for \$10.00.

Collection I: 1500 Klondyke, 1500 First Quality, 1500 Big Joe, 1500 McAlpine, 1500 Crimson Cluster; by Express, not paid, for \$15.00.